are being taken t$_0$ promote a new work culture in the steel plants.

Representation by truck loaders of Giridih Colliery Bihar

2288. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a, fact that on the basis of a mass representation by truck loaders of Giridih Colliery of Bihar his Ministry has made a depart mental inquiry into their conditions[1], end

(b) if so, what are the findings (hereof and what action has been tak en thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The enquiries made by the Re-gional Labour Commissioner (C) Dhanbad and the Assistant Labour Commissioner (C), Hazaribagh regarding working conditions of the truck loaders in Giridih Project reveal that they are inot the employees of the Management of Giridih Project of Central Coal Fields Ltd., but they are self-employed persons. The purchasers of coal who come along with their trucks for lifting the coal sold by the colliery management utilise such truck loader^ as are available at the loading point for loading coal in their truck$_s$ and make payments to them at negotiated rates.

Employment of bonded labourers at the Rajasthan Canal Project

2289. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR LA; Will the Minister of LABUOR be pleased to state;

(a)' whether Government are aware of the employment of bonded labour-erst through contractors at the Rajasthan Canal Project and of their miserable plight; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH); (a) Attention of the Government has been drawn to the report which appeared in the press re-cenit'ly.

(b) Necessary information has been called for from the Government of Rajasthan and on receipt would be laid on the Tab]$_e$ of the House.

Review of Contract Labour Act, etc.

2290. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR: BIRLA; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical review qf the Contract Labour Act and the filter-State Migrant Workmen Act so a$_s$ to know the legal loopholes in their application and the extent to which these Acts have become redundant and required a fresh look to make them more stringent, useful and meaningful; and

(b) if po, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH); (a) and (b) A batch of amendments to th$_e$ Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 are being processed. A Seminar on Migrant Workers was organised by the Labour Ministry recently. Recommendations of the Seminar are awaited,

Licences for import of dry fruits

2291. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDEL WAL: Will the Minister of COMMER CE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of import licences issued for the import of dry fruits along with the in.ame$_3$ of per sons/parties to whom such licences were issued and also the date$_s$ of issue of such licences;

(b) whether it is a fact that most *ot* these licence holders sell their yearly quota at a premium ranging from 150 per cent to 250 per cent to other per-

.sons/partie$_s$ an<i that they never import dry fruits in their individual capacity; and

(c) if go, whether Government pro pose to allow import of dry fruits under 'Open General Licence' Sche me so as to prevent black marketing in its import? .....

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The number and value of import licences issued for import of dry fruits excluding cashew .nuts and dates are given below:— . -

(in Rs. lakhs)

	No.	Value
1982-83 . . .	6412	3647.34
1983-84 . . .	6804	2282.63
1984-85 (up to June '85)	2071	893.97

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Details of individual licences are published in the "Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences, Export licences and Industrial licences" copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) Some cases of sale of such licenced, have come to the notice of the Government Action is taken under import of dry fruits under O.G.L. lation.

(c) There is no proposal to aliow import of dry fruits under O.G.L.

मेंढकों की टांगों का निर्यात

2292. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डा० जी० एम० ओझा के अनुसार, भारत प्रति वर्ष मेंढक की 3000 टन टांगों का निर्यात कर रहा है और 9000 टन मेंढक प्रति वर्ष मारे जाते हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ये 9000 टन मेंढक मनुष्यों के स्वास्थ्य और फसलों को हानि पहुंचाने वाले 10 लाख टन कीड़ों को खा सकते हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि बहुत बड़ी संख्या में मेंढकों के मारे जाने से ऐसे कीड़ों की संख्या में भारी वृद्धि हो रही है जो कि फसलों को खराब कर देते हैं तथा लोगों के स्वास्थ्य के लिये खतरा है और यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : (क) से (ग) डा० जी०एम० ओझा द्वारा व्यक्त किये, बताये गये ऐसे मत के बारे में कोई प्रामाणिक रिपोर्ट नहीं है । इस आशय का कोई ठोस प्रमाण नहीं है कि मेंढक की टांगों के निर्यात (जोकि 1984–85 के दौरान 2,728 मे० टन का था) के परिणामस्वरूप कीटों की संख्या में बड़े पैमाने पर वृद्धि होती है और इससे लोगों के स्वास्थ्य को खतरा है तथापि परिवेश संरक्षण के लिये मेंढकों को पकड़ने और मेंढक की टांगों के निर्यातों पर सरकार द्वारा अनेक प्रतिबंध लगाये गये हैं जिनमें ये शामिल हैं:—

(1) 15 अप्रैल से 15 अगस्त तक प्रजनन सीजन के दौरान मेंढक पकड़ने और मेंढक की टांगों के संसाधन पर रोक है ।

(2) निर्यात अधिकतम सीमा का निर्धारण ।

(3) केवल उन्हीं संसाधनों को मेंढक की टांगों का संसाधन तथा निर्यात करने की अनुमति दी जाती है जिनके पास मेंढकों के दयामय हनन की सुविधा है ।

(4) निर्यात कतिपय किस्मों तक ही सीमित हैं ।

Withdrawals from Employees' Provident Fund for house construction

2293. SHRI J. K. JAIN; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whethed Government propose to raise the ceiling of withdrawals entitlement from Employees' provident Fund for th$_e$ construction of houses;